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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN FAILURE TO ESTABLISH EMBASSY IN SAIGON

1. KY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD MINPOL AUGUST 10 THAT HE HAD SEVERAL TIMES SPOKEN TO AMBASSADOR IDRIS OF INDONESIAN ICCS DELEGATION URGING THAT INDONESIA ESTABLISH AN EMBASSY IN SAIGON. IDRIS HAD MADE NO COMMENT ON THSE OCCASIONS EXCEPT TO SAY HE WOULD PASS THE MESSAGE TO JAKARTA. SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO REPLY FROM JAKARTA.

2. KY SPOKE WITH SOME VEHEMENCE OF A SITUATION WHERE THREE OF FOUR ICCS MEMBERS HAD EMBASSIES IN HANOI AND ONLY ONE (CANADA) HAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE GVN. WITH CANADA NOW GONE AND NO SUCCESSOR NAMED, NO REPEAT NO ICCS MEMBER HAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE GVN. KY MADE THE FURTHER POINT THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES WERE NOW ESTABLISHING EMBASSIES IN BOTH SAIGON AND HANOI (UK, FRANCE, AND AUSTRALIA), SO WHY SHOULD INDONESIA, WHO AS ICCS MEMBER HAS SPECIAL REASONS TO HAVE AN EMBASSY IN SAIGON, HOLD BACK?

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE GOI'S APPARENT UNWILLINGNESS TO ADJUST ITS POLICY TOWARD THE GVN TO CONFORM WITH THE CHANGED SITUATION, AND KY'S COMMENTS SEEM WELL TAKEN. THE PRESENCE OF AN NLF "INFORMATION OFFICE" IN JAKARTA DOES NOT SEEM
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TO BE A SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO ESTABLISHING FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

WITH THE GVN, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXAMPLE RECENTLY
SET BY FRANCE.

4. WE SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY JAKARTA RAISE
MATTER WITH INDONESIANS POINTING OUT THAT (1) GOI DIPLOMATIC TIES
WITH GVN WOULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO GVN'S INTERNATIONAL
STANDING, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN ITS STRUGGLE WITH VIETNAMESE

COMMUNISTS, AND (2) WOULD GREATLY LUBRICATE PRACTICAL RELATIONS
WITH GVN IN ICCS MATTERS.
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